AMENDMENT

<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

Please cancel Claims 1-24.

25.   (NEW) A method of selling hardware comprising:

providing modified hardware including original hardware provided by a manufacturer, the modified hardware having at least one part either added to or removed from the original hardware;

sending a request to a computer, the request including a unique code provided by the manufacturer to uniquely identify an original hardware description of the original hardware;

receiving the original hardware description;

modifying the hardware description to accurately describe the modified hardware; and

transmitting the modified hardware description to an online auction database.

26.   (NEW) The method of claim 25, wherein the original hardware and the modified hardware are both computer systems.

27.   (NEW) The method of claim 25, wherein the original hardware description comprises an identification of at least one part of the original hardware.

28.   (NEW) The method of claim 25, wherein the identification of the at least one part of the original hardware may not be modified in the modified hardware description.

29.   (NEW) The method of claim 25, wherein modifying the hardware description comprises:

executing a configuration utility capable of identifying the at least one part either added to or removed from the original hardware; and

modifying the hardware description to add or remove an identification of the at least one part added to removed from the original hardware.

30.   (NEW) The method of claim 25, further comprising transmitting the modified hardware description and the unique code to the computer and updating the original hardware description identified by the unique code to match the modified hardware description.

31.   (NEW) A method of purchasing hardware comprising:

sending a request to a computer, the request including a unique code provided by a manufacturer to uniquely identify a first hardware description of a first hardware having at least one part;

receiving the first hardware description having an identification of at least one part of the first hardware;

sending a second request to a seller for a second hardware description of a second hardware having at least one part;

receiving from the seller the second hardware description, the second hardware description having an identification of at least one part of the second hardware;

comparing the first hardware description and the second hardware description to identify at least one re-useable part of the first hardware re-usable in the second hardware to replace at least one replaceable part of the second hardware; and

modifying the second hardware description to indicate the replaceable part ;

purchasing hardware without the replaceable part according to the modified second hardware description.

32.   (NEW) The method of claim 31, wherein the first hardware comprises a computer system.

33.   (NEW) The method of claim 31, wherein the second hardware comprises a computer system.

34.   (NEW) The method of claim 32, further comprising   transmitting the modified second hardware description to the seller.

35.   (NEW) The method of claim 31, further comprising:

modifying the first hardware description to remove the re-useable part; and

transmitting the modified first hardware description to an online auction database.

36.   (NEW) The method of claim 31, further comprising:

obtaining the price of hardware prepared according to the modified second hardware description;

modifying the first hardware description to remove the re-useable part;

obtaining the price of hardware according to the modified first hardware description; and

determining a first transaction amount equal to the price of hardware according to the modified second hardware description minus the price of hardware according to the modified first hardware description.

37.   (NEW) The method of claim 36, further comprising:

determining a second transaction amount wherein at least one re-useable or replaceable part differs from at least one re-useable or replaceable part used to determine the first transaction amount;

comparing the first transactional amount and the second transactional amount to identify a lowest transactional amount; and

purchasing second hardware according to the modified second hardware description resulting in the lowest transactional amount.

38.   (NEW) The method of claim 36, wherein the price of hardware according to the modified first hardware description is obtained based on historical auction prices of similar hardware.

39.   (NEW) The method of Claim 31, further comprising:

executing, on the first hardware, a configuration utility capable of identifying a configuration of the first hardware;

comparing the configuration of the first hardware to the first hardware description and identifying any altered parts; and

altering the first hardware description to reflect any altered parts detected in the comparing step, wherein the first hardware description is altered prior to comparing the first hardware description and the second hardware description.

40.   (NEW) A computer system comprising:

a processor;

a nonvolatile memory coupled to the processor;

a communications port connecting the computer system to a computer network; and

a computer program stored in the nonvolatile memory and executed by the processor,

wherein the computer system comprises modified hardware including original

hardware provided by a manufacturer, the modified hardware having at least one part either

added to or removed from the original hardware and

wherein the computer program is operable to:

send a request to a computer, the request including a unique code provided by the

manufacturer to uniquely identify an original hardware description of the original hardware;

receive the original hardware description;

modify the hardware description to accurately describe the modified hardware; and

transmit the modified hardware description to an online auction database.

41.   (NEW) The computer system of claim 40, further operable to:

execute a configuration utility capable of identifying the at least one part either added

to or removed from the original hardware; and

 modify the hardware description to add or remove an identification of the at least one

part added to removed from the original hardware.

42.   (NEW) A computer system comprising:

a processor;

a nonvolatile memory coupled to the processor;

a communications port connecting the computer system to a computer network; and

a computer program stored in the nonvolatile memory and executed by the processor, wherein the computer program is operable to:

send a request to a computer, the request including a unique code provided by a manufacturer to uniquely identify a first hardware description of a first hardware having at least one part;

receive the first hardware description having an identification of at least one part of the first hardware;

send a second request to a seller for a second hardware description of a second hardware having at least one part;

receive from the seller the second hardware description, the second hardware description having an identification of at least one part of the second hardware;

compare the first hardware description and the second hardware description to identify at least one re-useable part of the first hardware re-usable in the second hardware to replace at least one replaceable part of the second hardware; and

modify the second hardware description to indicate the replaceable part ;

purchase hardware without the replaceable part according to the modified second hardware description.

43.   (NEW) The computer system of claim 42 further operable to:

obtain the price of hardware prepared according to the modified second hardware description;

modify the first hardware description to remove the re-useable part;

obtain the price of hardware according to the modified first hardware description; and

determine a first transaction amount equal to the price of hardware according to the modified second hardware description minus the price of hardware according to the modified first hardware description;

determine a second transaction amount wherein at least one re-useable or replaceable part differs from at least one re-useable or replaceable part used to determine the first transaction amount;

compare the first transactional amount and the second transactional amount to identify a lowest transactional amount; and

purchase second hardware according to the modified second hardware description resulting in the lowest transactional amount.